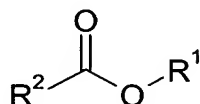


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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of~~ A method for enhancing a composition with a fragrance precursor which can be activated to release one or more organoleptically active compounds, said method comprising adding to said composition a compound of the formula I



in which

$\text{R}^1$  is the radical (a) of the enol form of an aldehyde having 6 or more C atoms or (b) of a ketone having 10 or more C atoms, and

$\text{R}^2$  is an (a) branched or unbranched  $\text{C}_1$  to  $\text{C}_4$  alkyl group or (b) branched or unbranched  $\text{C}_2$  to  $\text{C}_4$  alkylene group. [[,]]

~~as a fragrance precursor.~~

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Use~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein  $\text{R}^2$  is chosen from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, iso-propyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, iso-butyl and tert-butyl, ethenyl, methylethenyl, 1-propenyl, 2-propenyl, 2-methyl-1-propenyl, 1-methyl-1-propenyl, 1-butenyl and 3-butenyl.

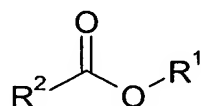
3. (Currently Amended) ~~Use~~ The method according to claim 2, wherein  $\text{R}^2$  is chosen from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl and iso-butyl, ethenyl, methylethenyl, 1-propenyl, 2-methyl-1-propenyl and 1-methyl-1-propenyl.

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4. (Currently Amended) Method for the release of a fragrance, having the following steps:

~~[[ -]] provision of adding to a composition a fragrance precursor formulation comprising a fragrance precursor compound according to the following formula and a medium in which said compound is stable of the formula I~~



in which

R<sup>1</sup> is the radical (a) of the enol form of an aldehyde having 6 or more C atoms or (b) of a ketone having 10 or more C atoms, and

R<sup>2</sup> is an (a) branched or unbranched C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group or (b) branched or unbranched C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkylene group,

~~[[ -]] preparation of a formulation which comprises the compound of the formula I and a medium such that the compound of the formula I is stable in the formulation,~~

~~[[ -]] treatment of the treating said formulation such that the fragrance precursor compound of the formula I dissociates and releases one or more organoleptically active compounds the fragrance.~~

5. (Original) Method according to claim 4, wherein the medium (a) is acidic and oxidative, or (b) is alkaline and has a water content of ≤10 wt.%, based on the total weight of the medium.

6. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 5, wherein the treatment of the formulation comprises

~~[[ -]] in case (a) when said medium is acidic and oxidative,~~ raising the pH of the formulation to a value of ≥8.5, or

~~[[ -]] in case (b) when said medium is alkaline,~~ raising the water content of the formulation to >10 wt.%.

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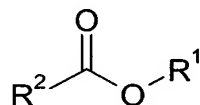
7. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 5 ~~or~~ 6, wherein the formulation

~~in case (a) when said medium is acidic and oxidative,~~ is chosen from the group which consists of: a developer composition for a permanent hair-colouring composition, permanent wave fixing composition, bleaching cream, acne cream, sanitary cleaner and surface cleaner, or

~~in case (b) when said medium is alkaline,~~ is chosen from the group which consists of liquid detergents for packages in water-soluble film, deodorant or antiperspirant sticks and soaps.

8. (Currently Amended) Cosmetic, washing and/or cleaning formulation comprising ~~or~~ consisting of:

- less than 1 wt.%, based on total formulation weight, of a fragrance precursor compound of the following formula: [[I]]



in which

$\text{R}^1$  is the radical (a) of the enol form of an aldehyde having 6 or more C atoms or (b) of a ketone having 10 or more C atoms, and

$\text{R}^2$  is an (a) branched or unbranched  $\text{C}_1$  to  $\text{C}_4$  alkyl group or (b) branched or unbranched  $\text{C}_2$  to  $\text{C}_4$  alkylene group, and

- ~~a medium comprising further or the further formulation constituents.~~

~~wherein the content of the compound of the formula I in the formulation is less than 1 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation, and wherein the medium is chosen such that the in which said compound of the formula I is stable, in the formulation.~~

9. (Original) Formulation according to claim 8, wherein the medium (a) is acidic and oxidative, or (b) is alkaline and has a water content of  $\leq 10$  wt.%, based on the total weight of the medium.

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10. (Currently Amended) Formulation according to claim 9, wherein:

the formulation is acidic and oxidative and ~~in case (a)~~ is chosen from the group which consists of: developer composition for a permanent hair-colouring composition, permanent wave fixing composition, bleaching cream, acne cream, sanitary cleaner and surface cleaner, or ~~in case (b)~~ the formulation is alkaline and has a water content of  $\leq 10$  wt.% and is chosen from the group which consists of: liquid detergents for packages in water-soluble film, deodorant or antiperspirant sticks and soaps.

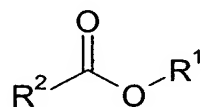
11. (Currently Amended) Formulation according to claim 8 ~~one of claims 8 to 10~~, wherein

(a) the fragrance precursor compound ~~of the formula I~~ is dispersed or dissolved in the medium, and/or

(b) the fragrance precursor compound ~~of the formula I~~ is employed as a constituent of a perfume oil which is dispersed or dissolved in the medium, ~~[[.]] wherein in case (b) the perfume oil optionally is (i) adsorbed on a carrier substance, (ii) microencapsulated or (iii) spray dried, or is employed (iv) as an inclusion complex or (v) extrusion product or is (vi) coated.~~

12. (Currently Amended) Perfume oil comprising

- at least 0.1 wt.%, based on the total weight of the perfume oil of a fragrance precursor compound of the formula I



in which

$\text{R}^1$  is the radical (a) of the enol form of an aldehyde having 6 or more C atoms or (b) of a ketone having 10 or more C atoms, and

$\text{R}^2$  is an (a) branched or unbranched  $\text{C}_1$  to  $\text{C}_4$  alkyl group or (b) branched or unbranched  $\text{C}_2$  to  $\text{C}_4$  alkylene group, and

- one or more fragrances, ~~[[.]]~~

~~wherein the content of the compounds of the formula I in the perfume oil is at least 0.1 wt.%, based on the total weight of the perfume oil,~~

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~~and wherein the perfume oil optionally is (i) adsorbed on a carrier substance, (ii) microencapsulated or (iii) spray dried, or is employed (iv) as an inclusion complex or (v) extrusion product or is (vi) coated.~~

13. (New) A formulation according to claim 11 wherein said formulation is (i) an adsorbed on a carrier, (ii) microencapsulated, (iii) spray-dried, (iv) in an inclusion complex, (v) in an extruded carrier, or (vi) coated on a carrier.

14. (New) A perfume oil according to claim 12 wherein said perfume oil is (i) an adsorbed on a carrier, (ii) microencapsulated, (iii) spray-dried, (iv) in an inclusion complex, (v) in an extruded carrier, or (vi) coated on a carrier.